

Norwegian Party Member Survey 2009
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Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. Please use a ballpoint pen, and indicate your preferred answers with an X. Otherwise follow the instructions given. If you have any questions about completing this questionnaire, please feel free to contact Anders R. Jupskås at the University of Oslo, telephone 22 85 76 42 or e-mail a.r.jupskas@stv.uio.no.

Questionnaire no.

First some questions about how you joined the party and your present activity here.

1. In which year (approximately) did you first join the party? (Or its youth or women's organization)

Year member:

2. How were you recruited to the party?

- 1 Representatives of the party (incl. family/friends) approached me
- 2 I received an enlistment brochure/saw an advertisement in the newspaper
- 3 I approached the party on my own initiative
- 4 Other

3. If you answered 'Other' to Q2, please specify

Most important:.....

Second most important:.....

4. Was it natural for a person in your social milieu to join the party? – and if yes: Which milieu was most important?

NB: Please fill in one box only.

- 1 NO, not in particular
- YES – and the most important milieu was:
 - 2 My family
 - 3 Close friends
 - 4 Colleagues, school friends or study mates
 - 5 Membership in an organization
 - 6 Other

5. If you answered 'Other' to Q4, please specify briefly

Most important:.....

Second most important:.....

6. Do you remember your most important reason for joining the party? And the next most important? NB: Please fill in two boxes only – one mark for the most important and one for the next most important reason.

	Most important	Next most important
A) Wanted to engage myself in the work for certain political issues	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁
B) Had clear ideological beliefs that made it natural for me to join the party	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
C) Was attracted by a good social milieu in the party	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
D) Was active in organizations/political action groups where party membership became natural	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
E) Just wanted to express (passive) support for the party	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
F) It was natural for a person with my occupation	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
G) A family tradition	<input type="checkbox"/> ₇	<input type="checkbox"/> ₇
H) I was drawn into the party by close friends	<input type="checkbox"/> ₈	<input type="checkbox"/> ₈
I) Wanted to make a political career	<input type="checkbox"/> ₉	<input type="checkbox"/> ₉
J) Other	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₀	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₀

7. If you answered ‘Other’ to Q4, please specify briefly
 Most important:.....
 Second most important:.....

8. Have you, in the course of the past year, taken part in any party arrangements – branch meetings, seminars, gatherings, parties?
 1 Yes
 2 No

9. If so, have many times?
 2 Once
 3 Two to four
 4 Five to nine
 5 Ten to twenty
 6 More than twenty

10. When you don’t attend party meetings – what are the *two most important* reasons?
 NB: Please fill in two boxes only.

- ₁ Meetings are often unexciting
- ₂ I have to give priority to the family
- ₃ I have no influence anyway – might just as well drop it
- ₄ I only intend to be a *passive* supporting member
- ₅ Difficult to manage because of my job or education
- ₆ Commitments in other organizations take too much time
- ₇ Other leisure activities take too much time
- ₈ Difficult to get into an established milieu/party culture
- ₉ No party branch where I live/long way to the meetings
- ₁₀ Difficult to get out because of illness or old age
- ₁₁ I am badly informed about when the meetings are held
- ₁₂ My local branch hardly ever holds meetings

11. Have you, in the course of the past year, in any way taken part in the party debate about political issues or candidate selection?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

12. If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q11, in what way(s) have you taken part? (*several answers are possible here*).

- 1 I have spoken personally with other party members about issues/candidates that have been discussed in the party
- 2 I have discussed with other party members, via the Internet or electronically, about issues /candidates that have been discussed in the party
- 3 I have also addressed party meetings or written in the press
- 4 I have been involved in preparing motions within the party

13. Below there is a list of various party activities. Please fill in the boxes, if you have taken part in any of these activities during *the last year*.

Fill in more than one box, if appropriate.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A) Participated in a <i>study circle</i> arranged by the party? | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |
| B) Bought <i>lottery tickets</i> from the party | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |
| C) Donated <i>money</i> to party funds or election funds (beyond the membership fee) | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |
| D) <i>Subscribed</i> to the party newspaper/magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |
| E) Have been asked, during the last year, to stand for <i>office within the party organization</i> or stand for <i>elected public office</i> on the party list – and answered yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |
| F) Have been asked, during the last year, to stand for <i>office within the party organization</i> or stand for <i>elected public office</i> on the party list – but answered no | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |

14. Do you hold any office(s) within the *party organization at present*, or did you hold such office *previously*?

Fill in more than one box, if appropriate.

- | | At present | Previously | No, never |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| In your municipal or local branch: | | | |
| A) Executive committee member | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ |
| B) Other office | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ |
| At the national or county level: | | | |
| C) Executive committee member, national congress delegate, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ |
| D) Other office | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ |

15. Do you hold any *public office(s)* (in elected assemblies, public boards, committees etc.) *at present*, or did you hold such office *previously*?

Fill in more than one box, if appropriate.

	At present	Previo- usly	No, never
A) Member of a municipal committee	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
B) Deputy member of the municipal council	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
C) Member of the municipal (<i>kommunestyret</i>) council	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
D) Public office at the county (<i>fylkeskommunalt</i>) level	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
E) National public office (Member of the Storting, first deputy, state secretary, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃

16. Did you, *during the last year*, take part in any external activities for the party?

	Yes	No
A) Recruiting new members?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
B) Delivered party leaflets, sold lottery tickets, helped organized a party street stall?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
C) Discussed the party's policies with people who are not members of the party?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
D) Taken part in demonstrations or other public events arranged by the party?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
E) Written in the press, defending your own party's policies or criticizing other parties' policies?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂

17. Did you work for the party in the 2007 local election campaign?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (if 'No' proceed to Q21)

18. In what way(s) were you involved in the campaign? (*Tick the appropriate boxes*)

- ₁ Distributed party leaflets, sold lottery tickets, helped to organize a party street stall
- ₂ Took part in door-to-door campaigning
- ₃ Took part on Internet discussion(s)
- ₄ Participated in radio or TV-programme(s)
- ₅ Wrote in the press
- ₆ Other (specify below)

19. If you answered 'Other' to Q18, explain briefly what the two most important activities was (*please write clearly*):

Most important:.....
 Second most important:.....

20. How often ere you involved in work in the 2007 local election campaign?

- ₁ Every day
- ₂ Several times a week
- ₃ About once a week
- ₄ Less than once a week

TO BE ANSWERED BY ALL RESPONDENTS:

21. Have you ever, directly or indirectly, contacted any of your party's representatives in public office, to put forward your view on an issue or to get him/her to raise the matter officially?

- 1 No, never
- 2 Yes, occasionally
- 3 Yes, several times

22. How important are the following sources to you, when you shall get information about politics?

	Very im- portant	Quite im- portant	Less im- portant	Not im- portant
A) Radio, TV, newspapers (also online) and news journals	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
B) Public documents and materials	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
C) Your party's newspaper/magazine and other party documents	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
D) Party meetings	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
E) Party website	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
F) The Internet otherwise	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
G) Research publication	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
H) Personal contact with fellow party members	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄

23. Do you have access to the Internet (at home, at work etc.)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

24. If yes: How often do you use the Internet for the following political activities:

	At least once a week	At least once a month	Less frequent	Never
A) How often do you access the party's web site?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
B) How often do you receive e-mail from the party's central office?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
C) How often do you use e-mail to keep contact with fellow party members (at the local level or in the central organization)?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄

Next we would like to know how you assess different aspects of participation in party politics.

25. Opinions differ concerning the place of political discussions at party meetings nowadays. What is your experience, from the party meetings you yourself have attended recently. (One answer only).

NB: Please fill in one box only.

- 1 Can't answer – haven't attended party meetings for a long time
- 2 Political themes are rarely dominant at party meetings
- 3 Often the main speakers take up political issues, and most people just listen
- 4 There are often lively political discussions

26. What is your impression of the chance of an ordinary member winning the local party branch over to his/her point of view?

Please fill in one box only

- 1 Difficult to say – political disagreement is rarely expressed
- 2 The leadership gets its way most of the time
- 3 Ordinary members *occasionally* win, even against the wishes of the leadership
- 4 The leadership must *quite often* change their proposals, on the basis of the points of view of ordinary members
- 5 Don't know, don't have enough knowledge to tell

Party procedures for selection of personnel and forming party policy have recently been discussed. We would like to ask for your opinion on some proposals, in the following three areas:

27. A) Forming party policy

- 1 On major and important matters, the *national congress* should have the final say
- 2 On major and important matters, the *national congress* should have the final say, following an *advisory ballot* in which all members may vote
- 3 On major and important matters, the decision should depend on the results of a *binding ballot* in which all members may vote
- 4 Don't know

28. B) Election of party leader

- 1 The party leader should be elected by the *national congress*
- 1 The party leader should be elected by the *national congress* following an *advisory ballot* among the members
- 2 The party leader should be elected by the members through a *binding ballot*
- 3 Don't know

29. C) Selection of the party's MPs

- 1 County list of nominees should be adopted at the county *nomination convention*, by delegates from the various local branches of the party
- 2 County list of nominees should be adopted at the county *nomination convention*, by delegates from the various local party branches, following an *advisory ballot* among the members
- 3 County list of nominees should be adopted by members, through a *binding ballot*
- 4 Don't know

30. Do you agree/disagree that voters should have greater influence than today in determining which candidates are given a seat in the Storting (e.g. by crossing out or giving extra votes to candidates in the actual ballot paper]? (One answer only).

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't know

31. Several parties have adopted gender quota systems, to ensure a more equitable representation of men and women within party organs. Are you personally in favour of, or opposed to, gender quotas for party political offices?

- 1 In favour of gender quotas
- 2 Oppose gender quotas
- 3 Don't know

32. There has also been discussion as to whether the parties should operate with a quota system for ethnic minorities in political positions. Would you support or be opposed to such a quota system?

- 1 In favour of ethnic quotas
- 2 Oppose ethnic quotas
- 3 Don't know

33. Next we present some statements about the party and the members. For each statement, please indicate whether you agree completely, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree completely.

	Agree comple- tely	Agree some- what	Both agree and disagree	Disagree some- what	Disagree comple- tely	Don't know
A) The central party leadership is good at paying attention to the views of ordinary party members	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
B) To influence decisions in the central party leadership, personal connections are crucial and far more important than formal positions in the party	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
C) A problem with the party today is that the leadership is too strong	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
D) The leadership should listen more to the voters than to the members	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Next some questions on attitudes to different political issues. Some of these questions are strongly simplified, but we hope that it is possible for you to answer them anyway.

34. In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on the scale below, where 0 is the most left-wing position and 10 is the most right-wing?

Please fill in one box only.

Left-wing											Right-wing
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11 Don't know

35. In general, are you most concerned with politics at the national level, with international politics, or is it local politics that interests you most?

- 1 Most concerned with international politics
- 2 Most concerned with national politics
- 3 Most concerned with local politics
- 4 About equally concerned with all levels

36. Below we have presented some statements about politics in a concentrated form. For each statement, please indicate whether you agree completely, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree completely.

	Agree completely	Agree somewhat	Both agree and disagree	Disagree somewhat	Disagree completely	Don't know
1) To stimulate individual effort, we should accept greater income differences than we have today.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
2) Today's arrangement of cash support to family-based childcare should be discontinued	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
3) The <i>EEA agreement</i> should be terminated, and replaced with a free trade agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
4) Allocations to the defence budget should be increased considerably	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
5) We should make provisions for achieving greater gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
6) Taxes and duties on <i>alcohol</i> should be substantially reduced	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
7) We should work for larger grants to <i>peripheral areas</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
8) To curb <i>crime</i> , preventive work is better than tough sentences	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
9) To secure economic growth we need to	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

continue industrial expansion, even if this may conflict with conservation/environmental interests

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10) We should make it easier for <i>asylum seekers</i> to enter Norway | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11) We should build gas-fired power plants in Norway, even if the CO2 emissions cannot be curbed with today's technology | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12) The biggest business and labour organizations have become too powerful in society | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13) We should increase our development assistance transfers to the developing countries | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14) Many public services could be run better and more cheaply if they were privatized | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15) Substantial grants to strengthen the finances of the big cities should be provided | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16) Immigration represents a serious threat to our national identity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17) Norway should become a full member of the European Union | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18) We should do much more to protect the environment, even if it means considerably lower personal consumption for the individual | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19) It is important for immigrants to adapt to Norwegian customs and norms | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20) Our military forces should concentrate on the defence of Norway, not involvement in conflicts abroad | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21) High incomes should be taxed more heavily than today | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22) It is more important to expand public services than to reduce taxation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

37. Which of the 22 issues above would you personally regard as the most important? The next most important? And which is the third most important?

Please fill in the letters representing the statements that you think raises the most important, second most important and third most important *issues* – whether you agree or disagree with the *statements* themselves.

- 1) Most important
- 2) Second most important.....
- 3) Third most important

38. Let us imagine two persons A and B discussing a question of current interest. We have listed two statements the two persons put forward.

A says: To avoid an increase in interest, and higher prices, we should not use more of the oil income than we do at present.

B says: To solve current problems in society we may use considerably more of the oil income than we do at present.

Which one of these persons would you agree more with?

- 1 Agree more with A
- 2 Agree with both A and B/Can't decide
- 3 Agree more with B
- 4 Don't know

39. We would like to know how you like the different parties. We have made a scale that runs from 0 to 100, which we call a 'sympathy thermometer'. Please mark a thermometer score for each of the following parties.

A score of 50 degrees means that you neither like nor dislike the party. If you like a party, give it a score between 50 and 100 degrees. The more you like the party, the higher the score. If, on the other hand, you *dislike* a party, give it a score between 0 and 50, where 0 indicates the least sympathy.

	How many degrees?
A) Labour Party
B) Progress Party
C) Conservative Party
D) Christian Democratic Party
E) Centre Party
F) Socialist Left Party
G) Liberal Party
H) Red Party
E) Coastal Party

40. We have listed some possible government alternatives below. Which of the following alternatives do you prefer, and which would be your second choice?

NB: Please fill in two boxes only – one mark for your first choice and one for your second choice

	First choice	Second choice
A) A Labour Party government	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁
B) A government with Labour, the Centre Party and the Socialist Left party	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
C) A government with Labour, the Centre Party and Christian Democrats	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
D) A government with the Christian Democrats, the Liberals and the Centre Party	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
E) A government with the Christian Democrats, the Liberals, the Centre Party and the Conservatives	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
F) A government with the Christian Democrats, the Liberals and the Conservatives	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
G) A government with Christian Democrats, the Liberals, the Conservatives and Progress Party	<input type="checkbox"/> ₇	<input type="checkbox"/> ₇
H) A government with the Conservatives and the Progress Party	<input type="checkbox"/> ₈	<input type="checkbox"/> ₈
I) A Progress Party government	<input type="checkbox"/> ₉	<input type="checkbox"/> ₉
J) Other government alternatives	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₀	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁₀

41. If you would prefer other government alternatives, please specify below

First choice:.....

Second choice:.....

Next we would like to ask some questions about your participation in organizations and other kinds of political activity.

42. Are you currently a member of any organizations, and – if so – do you hold any office(s) within these organizations at present, or did you hold such office previously?

	Member	Holds office	Member and held office previously	Not a member
A) Organizations within agriculture, forestry or fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
B) Labour or professional organizations affiliated to the Confederation of Trade Unions	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
C) Labour or professional organizations <i>outside</i> the Confederation of Trade Unions	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
D) The Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO) or its affiliates, or other employers' or business organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
E) Sport clubs and associations	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
F) Organizations involved with culture, youth, retired people, hobbies and leisure interests, or local residents' / community associations	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
G) Religious and Christian organizations, missionary societies etc. (also Christian youth or women's organizations)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
H) Other religious associations or organized faiths	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
I) Other life stance associations (e.g. the Humanist Association)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
J) Women's, housewives' and countrywomen's associations, feminist movement	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
K) Humanitarian organizations and charities (e.g. Save the Children, Red Cross, the Cancer Society, health related voluntary groups)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
L) Teetotalist associations	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
M) Motorist associations	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
N) Special users' organizations (e.g. for the disabled, for the blind)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
O) Linguistic organizations [for the 'nynorsk' or 'bokmål' forms of Norwegian]	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
P) Organizations for EU membership	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
Q) Organizations against EU membership	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
R) Environmental, ecology and conservation associations (incl. Organizations for animal rights)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
S) Other internationally oriented organizations (e.g. Amnesty, solidarity movements)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
T) Refugee and immigrant organization	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
U) Other associations or organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄

43. Have you, during *the last four years (since 2005)*, been involved in any citizens' initiatives or action groups aimed at influencing the political authorities?

- 1 Yes, I have been involved in such action groups during the past four years
- 2 I have been in such action groups previously, but not during the past four years
- 3 No, I have *never* participated in such political action groups

44. *If you have participated in citizens' initiatives or action groups*: To what extent did these political actions deal with questions that you were occupied with *also* in party politics?

- 1 To a large extent
- 2 To some extent
- 3 Not at all

45. There has been discussion as to whether the political parties in Norway manage to keep in touch with the opinions of ordinary people - 'the man and woman in the street'. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means that the political parties do manage to keep in touch with ordinary people's opinions, and 5 means that they do NOT manage to keep in touch at all, please indicate how you feel about this.

Yes, they manage to
keep in touch...

No, they do NOT manage
to keep in touch...

- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 10 (Don't know) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

46. In thinking about Norwegian politics and the political system, how worried are you about the following conditions with respect to the future?

	Very worried	Quite worried	Not particularly worried	Not worried at all
A) Weakened national autonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
B) The growth of extremist political movements	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
C) Increasing populism and short-term solutions	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
D) Leaders with too much power and charisma	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
E) Weakening of political parties as members' organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
F) Increasing power in the hands of journalists	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
G) Political indifference	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
H) Weakened local autonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
I) Shift in power, from politics to market forces	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
J) Growing lack of respect for politician	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
K) Greater power to interest organization	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
L) Weakening of the power of the Storting in relation to other political actors	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
M) Less clear ideological difference between political parties	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
N) Decreasing voter turn-out	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
O) Increase in the number of professional politicians	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄

And now, a few statements about various aspects of your own party organization

47. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements when it comes to your party organization.

	Agree completely	Agree somewhat	Both agree and disagree	Disagree somewhat	Disagree completely	Don't know
A) The party organization is very important in helping the party leaders and office-holders to reach out to the voters, independent of the media	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
B) The party organization is decisive for the party's ability to develop long-range policies	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
C) The party organization is generally an effective instrument in election campaigns	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
D) The party organization offers good training possibilities for activists and newly-elected office holders	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
E) The party organization functions well as a political debate arena for ordinary people	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
F) The party organization provides good possibilities for ordinary people to exert political influence	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Finally, some questions about your own background.

48. What is your gender?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

49. Civil status

- 1 Married
- 2 Divorced
- 2 Single

50. In what year were you born?

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51. Do you have daily care (or joint custody) for children below 16 years of age?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

52. Are you a Norwegian citizen?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

53. Please write the postal code (four digits) of the place where you lived most of the time you were growing up

Four digits:

If outside Norway, what country?

54. If you do not remember the postal code, please write the name of the municipality:

Name of municipality

55. What is your chief occupation at present?

Please fill in one box only. If you are currently on leave to hold an elected public office, please indicate the occupation you are on leave from.

- 1 Student, pupil, apprentice
- 2 Pensioner, retired from work, permanently sick or disabled, unemployed
- 3 Looking after home full-time
- 4 Farmer
- 5 Fisherman
- 6 Independent or self-employed professional (e.g. lawyer, dentist, artist etc.)
- 7 Owner of enterprise, other self-employed
- 8 Ordinary worker
- 9 Skilled worker (also employed craftsman), foreman
- 10 Subordinate white-collar worker, e.g. in a shop, warehouse, office or public service
- 11 Employed professional within health services, social work and education (e.g. teacher, nurse, trained social worker)
- 12 Other employed professional (e.g. technician, engineer, economist)
- 13 Superior position in public or private sector (also managing director who don't own the enterprise)
- 14 Other occupation

56. If currently employed (or self-employed): Do you work in the private, public or voluntary sector?

If you are currently on leave to hold an elected public office, please indicate the occupation you are on leave from.

- 1 Private sector
- 2 Public sector
- 3 A voluntary organization (charitable organization, interest group, political party etc.)

57. What occupation did the main breadwinner in your family have when you grew up?

- 1 Farmer, forest owner
- 2 Smallholder
- 3 Fisherman, combined fisherman and smallholder
- 4 Worker, craftsman, sailor
- 5 Employed professional or white-collar worker in private sector (also managers who don't own the enterprise)
- 6 Subordinate white-collar worker in public sector
- 7 Employed professional (e.g. teacher, nurse, engineer, technician) in public sector
- 8 Superior position in public sector
- 9 Self-employed *with* hired labour
- 10 Self-employed *without* hired labour
- 11 Self-employed professional (e.g. lawyer, dentist, artist etc.)
- 12 Other occupation

58. Were/are your parents active in party politics?

Fill in more than one box, if appropriate.

	No, not a member	Member of same party as me	Member of another party	Had/has party office or public office
Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> A1	<input type="checkbox"/> A2	<input type="checkbox"/> A3	<input type="checkbox"/> B1
Father	<input type="checkbox"/> C1	<input type="checkbox"/> C2	<input type="checkbox"/> C3	<input type="checkbox"/> D1

59. How much formal education have you completed?

Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed

- 1 Primary or lower secondary school, ‘folk high school’
- 2 1–3 years of further education *beyond* lower secondary school
- 3 General or business studies at upper secondary school
- 4 2–3 years of further technical, commercial or vocational education beyond upper secondary school
- 5 Incomplete university or college studies
- 6 University or college degree (undergraduate or graduate)

60. What was your own gross income last year? (i.e. your total personal income *before* tax).

- 1 No income
- 2 Under NOK 100,000
- 3 NOK 100,000–199,000
- 4 NOK 200,000–299,000
- 5 NOK 300,000–399,000
- 6 NOK 400,000–499,000
- 7 NOK 500,000–699,000
- 8 NOK 700,000 or more
- 9 I prefer not to give this information

Thank you very much for your help!